

A Children's Guide to Tenerife



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There are a lot of interesting and fun things to know about Tenerife.

Did you know that the world's highest water slide is in the Thai-themed water park 'Siam Park' on Tenerife?

The flag of Tenerife is the same as that of Scotland, but no one knows why. This may be because they share the same saint, St Andrew or that a flag was captured during a war from one of Admiral Nelson's ships and this was put on display.

Did you know that Tuesday 13th is considered unlucky on Tenerife just like our Friday 13th? Or, that Tenerife is a hot spot for UFO sightings, so keep your eyes on the sky at night!

The first people to inhabit Tenerife were left alone until the Spanish Conquest. In ancient times people believed that the world was flat and that if you sailed to far towards the horizon you would plummet off the edge of the world.



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If you visit the Military Museum of the Canary Islands you can see the gun that hit Admiral Nelson's ship which led to his right arm being amputated. It is also rumoured that his right arm is hidden behind the altar of the Las Palmas Cathedral on Gran Canaria!

Did you know that a native Canarian will always leave a little drink in the bottom of their glass? No one knows why.

Mount Teide is the world's 3rd largest island volcano and a moon like landscape surrounds it. If you visit Tenerife on May 3rd then visit the town of Los Realejos. Two competing streets have firework displays that use 6,000 kilos of explosives.

Strange but true – To attract a cat on Tenerife make the sound 'pss-pss-pss', a sound we may use in the UK to scare a cat away. You may also spot the cockroach beetle on Tenerife. This hardy little fellow can survive for 2 weeks after its head is cut off and eventually only dies through starvation!



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Siam Park

Named as one of the top ten water parks in the world, Siam Park should not be missed. The park is full of thrilling rides and slides as well as having a huge wave pool complete with its own golden sandy beach. The Thai theme adds extra interest and there is an authentic Thai themed floating market aside of the Tower of Power, The Dragon and the Mekong Rapid rides.



Pyramids of Guimar

The Pyramids of Guimar consists of six pyramids and there are several theories as to their origin. One suggests that these are just mounds of stones from the 19th century whilst others suggest that they have ancient origins due to their astronomical alignment to the winter and summer solstices. A museum is also on this site displaying ancient crafts, reed boats and information about pyramids from around the world.



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Loro Parque

The Loro Parque in Puerto de la Cruz offers a fascinating adventure. The highlights include the best dolphin show this side of the Atlantic, bicycle riding parrots and an artificial iceberg with snow and penguins. You can also see gorillas and flamingos as well as killer whales and sharks from the underwater viewing tunnel.



Teide National Park

The Teide National Park begins with pine trees that lead the way into a bizarre lunar landscape that is dominated by the Mount Teide volcano. The ancient lava flows have created a unique landscape that is home to unusual plants and flowers that have adapted to the harsh conditions. A cable car runs up the side of the volcano and offers spectacular views on the scenic ride.



Phrases

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Basics

Yes	See
No	Noh
Hello	Oh-lah
Goodbye	Ah-dyohs
Please	Pohr fah-bohr
Thank you	Grah-syahs
My name is	Meh yah-moh
What's your name?	Koh-moh tay yah-mahs?
Beach	Plah-yah
Hotel	Oh-tehl

Numbers

One	Oo-noh
Two	Dohs
Three	Trehs
Four	Kwah-troh
Five	Seen-koh
Six	She-ees
Seven	See-eh-teh
Eight	Oh-choh
Nine	Noo-eh-beh
Ten	Dee-ehs
One hundred	See-ehn

Colours

Red	Roh-hoh
Blue	Ah-sool
Green	Bher-deh
Yellow	Ah-mah-ree-yoh
Black	Neh-groh
White	Blahn-koh

Restaurant

I want	Kyeh-roh
How much is it?	Kwahn-toh kwehs-tah?
The bill please	Lah Kwen-tah pohr-fah-bohr
What is that	Lo koh es?
Bread	Pahn
Salad	Ehn-sah-lah-dah
Dessert	Pos-treh
Meat	Kahr-neh
Fish	Pehs-kah-doh
Fruit	Froo-tah
Water	Ah-gwah

Conversations

Good morning	Bwen-nohs dee-ahs
Good evening	Bwen-nahs tar-dehs
Good night	Bwen-nahs noh-chehs
What time is it?	Koh hor-ah es?
Help	ah-yoo-dah
Do you speak English?	Ah-blahs een-glehs
I don't understand	Noh ehn-tyehn-doh
Excuse me/sorry	Pehr-dohn-eh
Toilet	Ban-nyoh

The Spanish words are written in phonetics.

Phonetics are written as the words would sound in English, so simply say what you see.

Printable Questionnaire

Q1. The flag of Tenerife is the same as which other country?

- Atlantis Wales Scotland

Q2. Which day is considered unlucky on Tenerife?

- Tuesday 13th Friday 13th Boxing Day

Q3. What is rumoured to be hidden behind the altar at Las Palmas Cathedral?

- Nelson's sword Nelson's right arm Harry Potter's wand

Q4. What do local Canarians never finish?

- Their homework Their drink Their dinner

Q5. Which of these animal acts might you see perform at Loro Parque?

- Bicycle riding parrots Trampolining Gorillas Singing Rabbits